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E.O. 12065: GDS 10-10-85 (FRIEDMAN, TOWNSEND B.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM AR
SUBJ: STAUTS OF JAIME LOKMAN

1. MRS. JAIME LIKMAN CALLED ON THE EMBASSY OCTOBER 10 TO BRING US UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HER HUSBAND'S CASE.
2. MRS. LOKMAN GAVE US A COPY OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR HARGUINDEGUY'S SEPTEMBER 26 STATEMENT TO THE SUPREME COURT ON HER HUSBAND. IN THIS STATEMENT THE MINISTER REPEATS THE CHARGE THAT LOKMAN WAS AN "ACTIVE COLLABORATOR OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS... THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION IN DIVERSE FINANCIAL CAMPAIGNS." THOUGH HE DOES NOT SUBSTANTIATE THIS CHARGE, MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY GOES ON TO STATE THAT THE RELEASE OF JAIME LOKMAN WOULD BE DANGEROUS SINCE IT WOULD "REOPEN A SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR TERRORIST GROUPS." HARGUINDEGUY CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT LOKMAN'S RIGHT OF OPTION PETITION IS PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW.
3. MRS. LOKMAN STATES THAT TWO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES ON OCTOBER 3 AND OCTOBER 10 REQUESTED THAT HARGUINDEGUY INFORM THEM OF THE DECISION ON LOKMAN'S RIGHT OF OPTION PETITION.
4. COMMENT: THE PURPOSE OF MRS. LOKMAN'S CALL WAS TO SOLICIT AMBASSADOR CASTRO'S INTERVENTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO GET IT TO GRANT HER HUSBAND'S RIGHT OF OPTION. SHE, LIKE US, IS INTRIGUED THAT HARGUINDEGUY WHILE CONDEMNING HER HUSBAND HOLDS OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT BE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF OPTION.
5. HARGUINDEGUY'S REPLY TO THE COURT WAS WRITTEN BEFORE GENERAL MENENDEZ, WHO MRS. LOKMAN FEELS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HER HUSBAND'S DETENTION, WAS RETIRED AFTER HIS FAILED COUP ATTEMPT. WE BELIEVE THAT MENENDEZ'S RETIREMENT MAY HELP LOKMAN EVENTUALLY. BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE FRUITFUL OR WISE FOR LOKMAN TO BECOME AN OBJECT OF A MAJOR CAMPAIGN BY THE USG AT THIS TIME. NEVERTHELESS, AMBASSADOR CASTRO RAISED HIS CASE IN A LOW KEY WAY ONCE WITH GENERAL VIOLA. FO THE TIME BEING, REVERBERATIONS CAUSED WITHIN MILITARY DUE TO TIMERMAN'S RELEASE WILL TEND TO SLOW DOWN ANY POSSIBLE POSITIVE ACTION ON LOKMAN CASE.
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